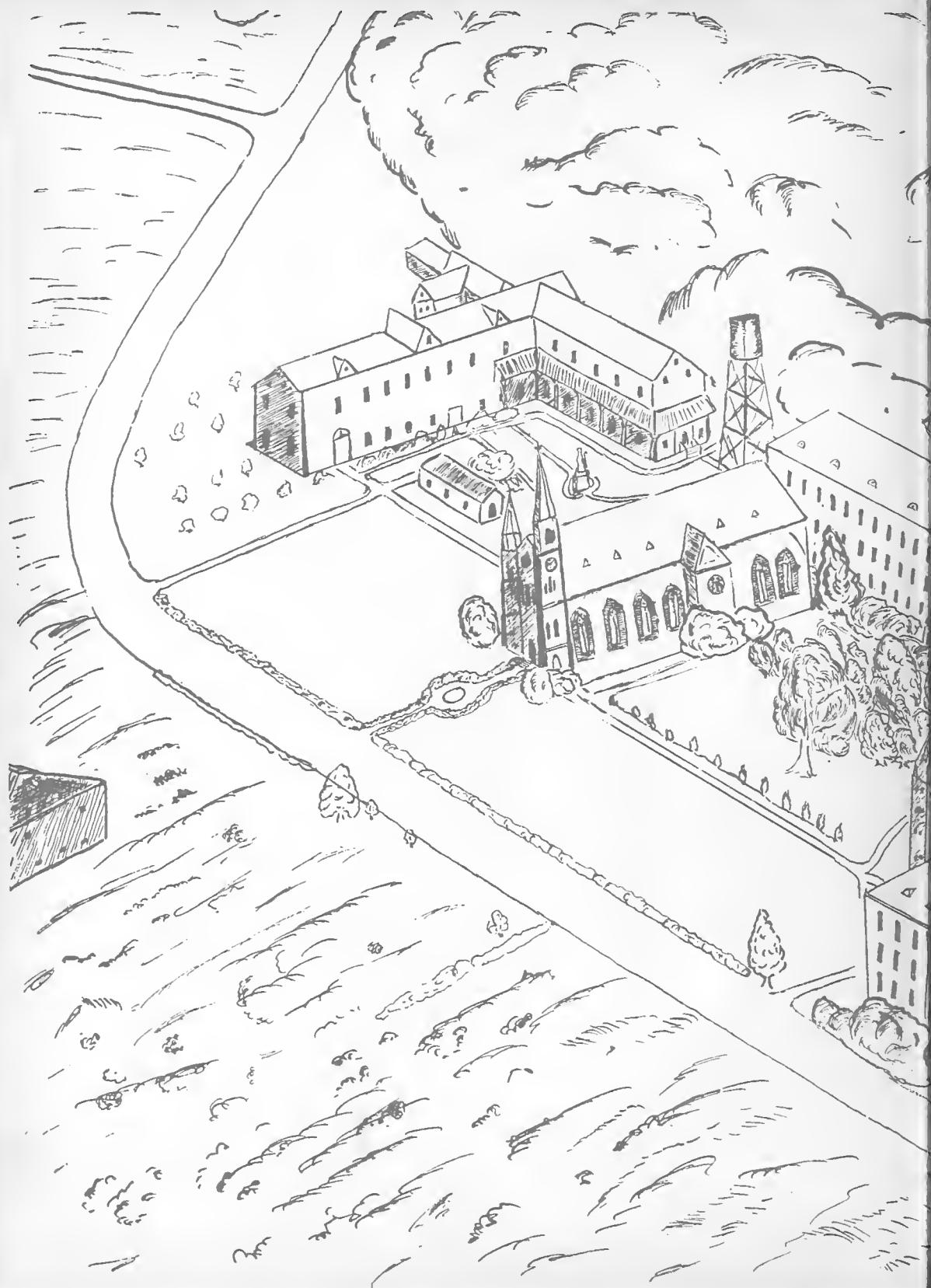
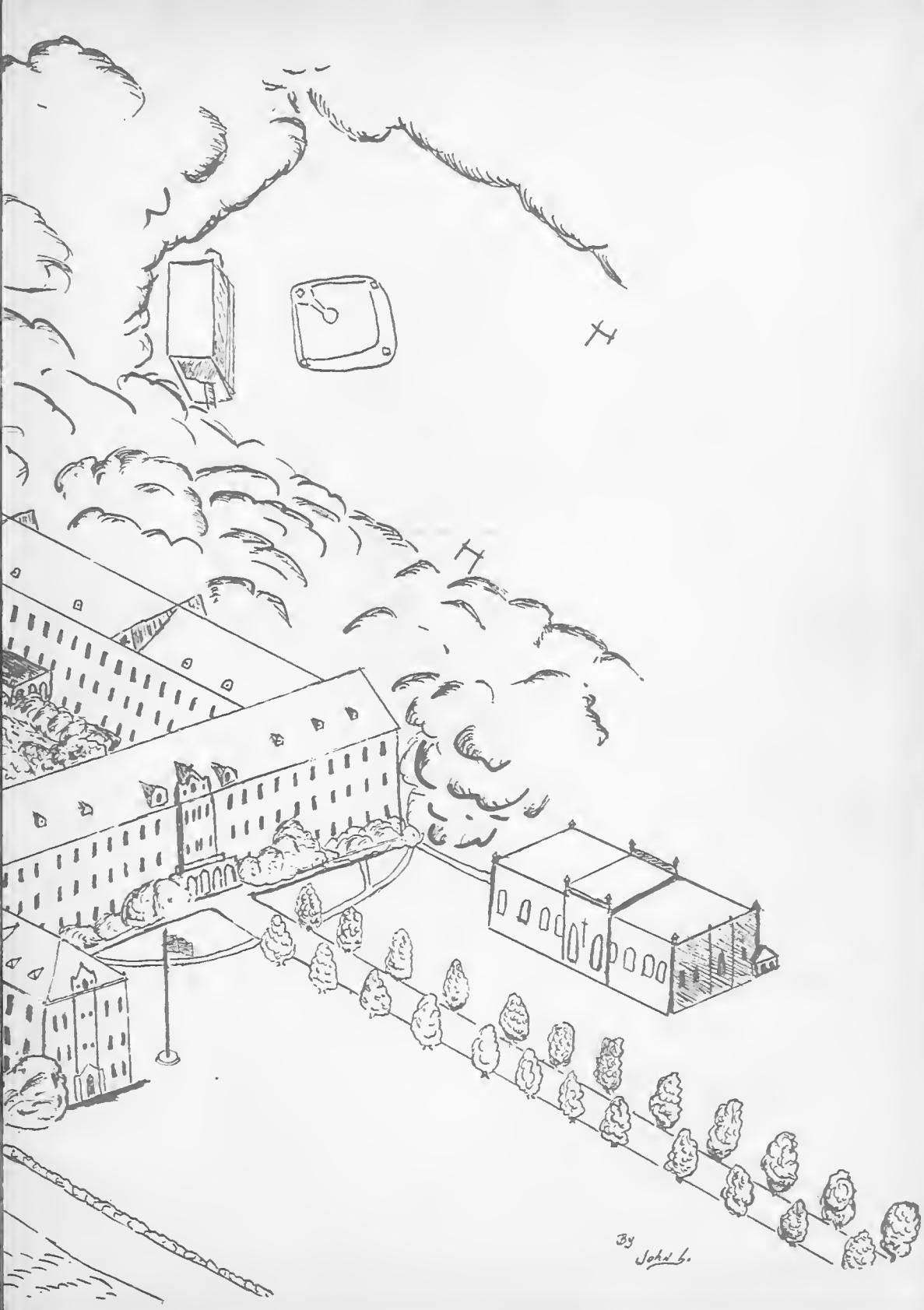




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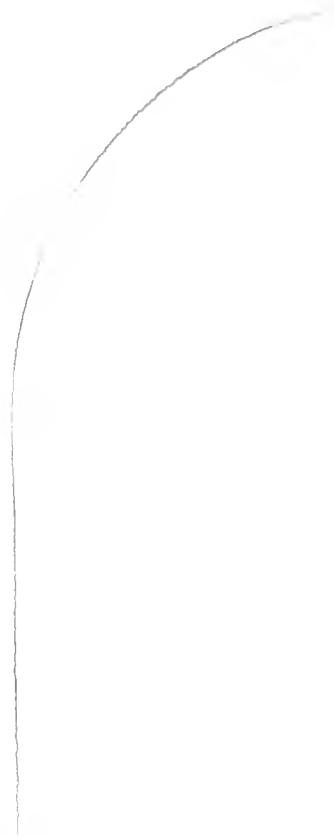
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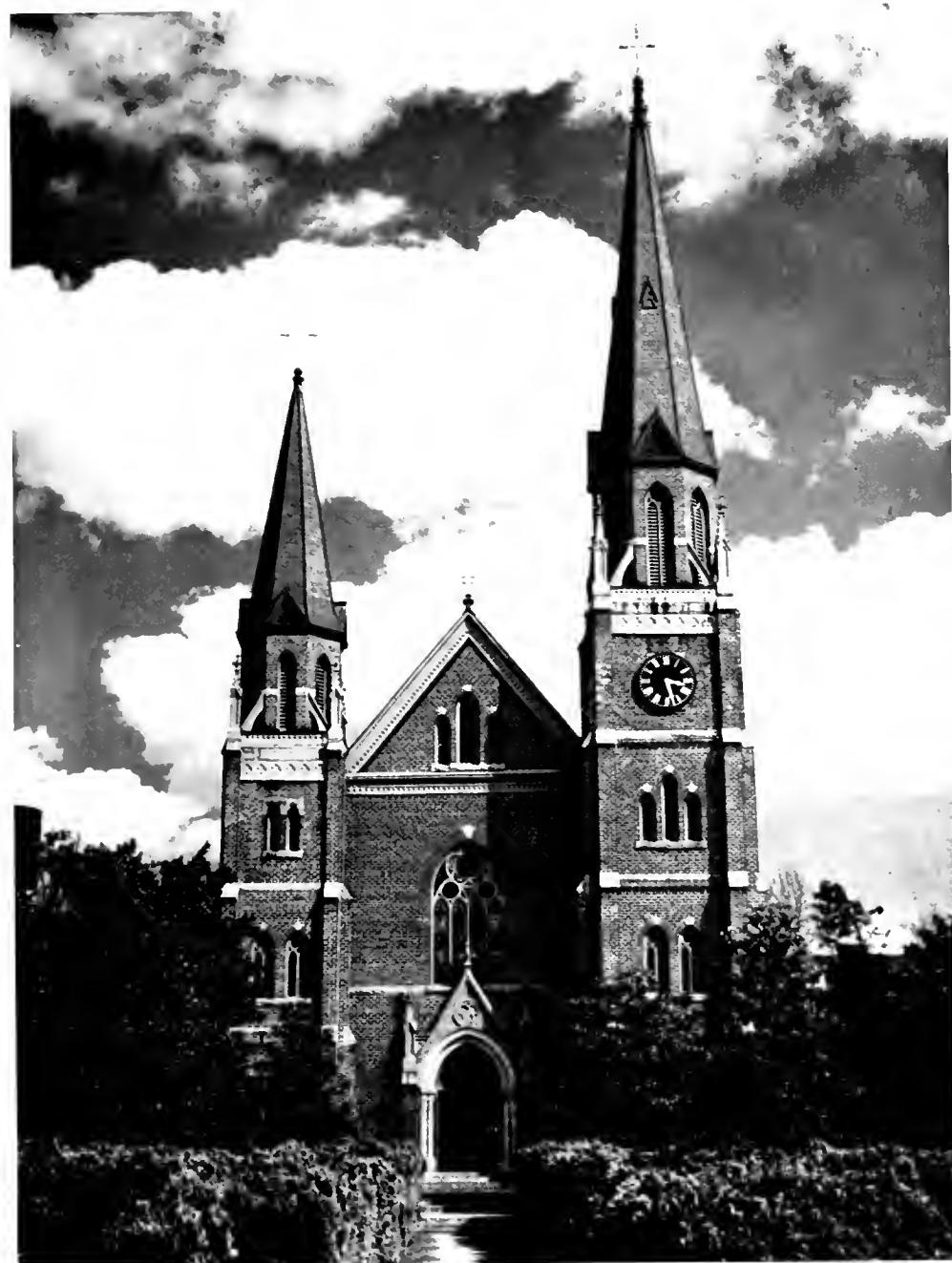
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## FOREWORD



In the years that are to come, you, Abbeymen of 1948, will open this book with fond remembrance of those gay and happy days when you studied and played and lived under the guiding inspiration of the Crusaders' mighty banner. As you slowly and caressingly turn these pages you will recall with pride your association with those grand fellows "Bill" and "Jack" and "Neb", and you will say—and rightly so: "They were great guys!" The Priests, the Brothers, the classmates, the thousand and one important and apparently insignificant events of those vestyears at Abbey will be brought vividly to mind once again. Yes, and there is consolation in the thought that at old alma mater, at Abbey, you will always have a second home. There is a catch in your throat, a shining star in your eye, as you reverently whisper: "It's great to be an ABBEYMAN."



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The members of the class of 1947-48 dedicate this SPIRE to a former Rector, the present Dean of Men, a truly great teacher, who through an inspiring personality has opened up for his students the vast field of political, social, economic and religious learning—

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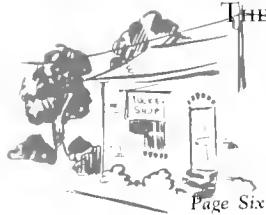




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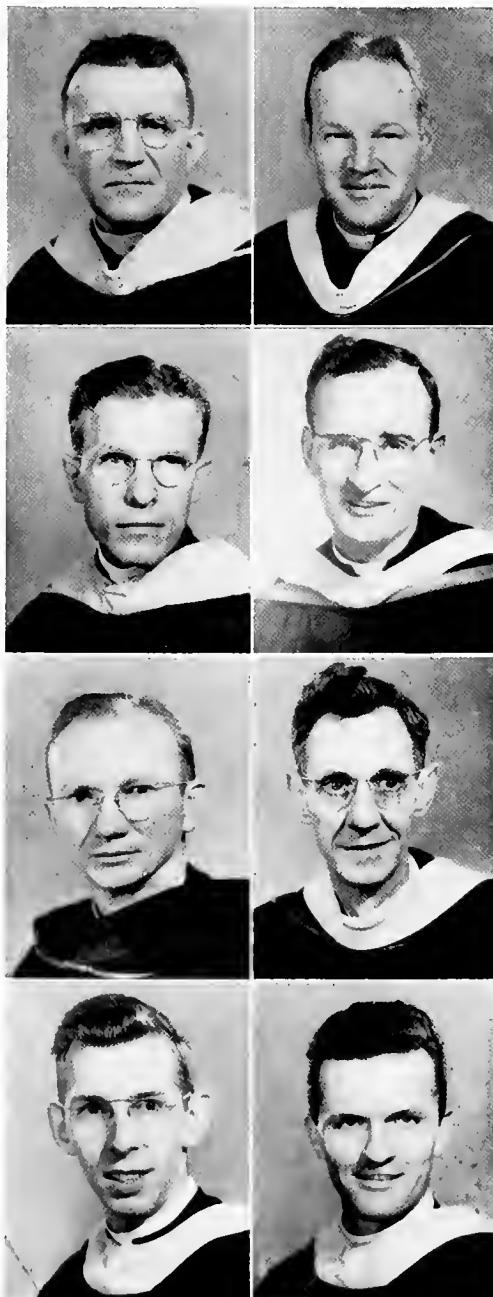


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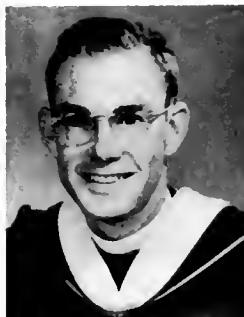
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BY THE STUDENTS.....



The Faculty and Students Taking Time Off from Class Work ...



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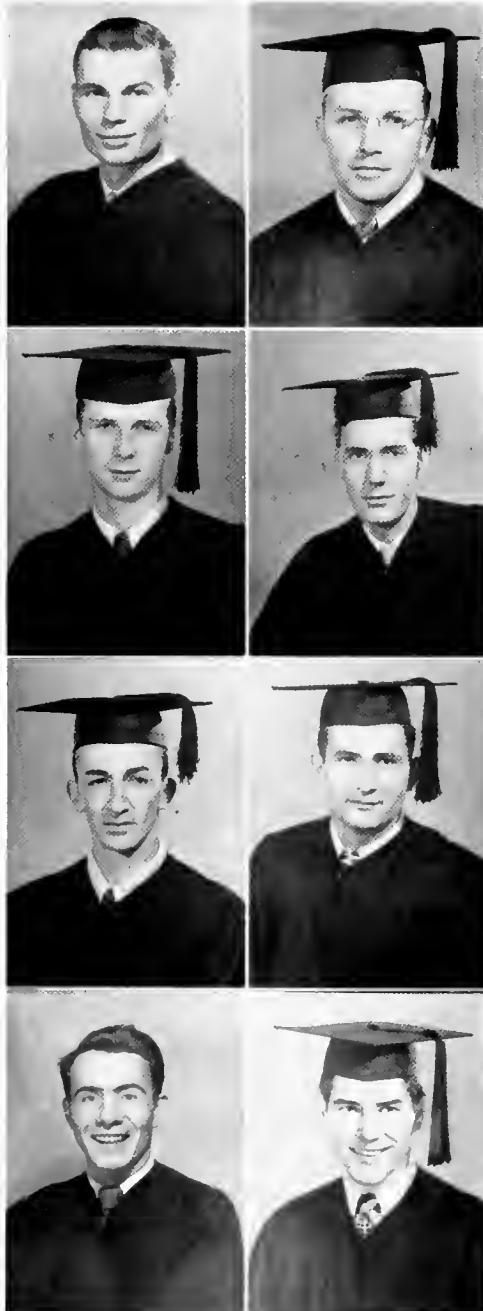


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"County"

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Baseball, Football, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.

*"One man pick'd out of ten thousand."*

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"Bob"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Band, Glee Club, Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.

*"And let him play his music."*

THOMAS H. BAIN

"Tommy"

CROZET, VA.

Beta Alpha Sigma, St. Benedict's Society, St. John Berchmans' Society, Pser Club.

*"This above all: to thy own self be true."*

WALTER E. BAKER

"Walley"

BELMONT, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

*"He is the card or calendar of Gentry."*

RALPH G. BARNARD

"Ralph"

CRAMERTON, N. C.

*"And thy best graces, spend it at thy will."*

ROBERT C. BIRMINGHAM

"Josh"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Football, Baseball, Veterans' Club.

*"Though I am not spleenitive and rash, yet I have something in me dangerous."*

THOMAS M. BROWNE

"Tom"

Mt. Airy, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.

*"A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy."*

CODY E. BRYAN, JR.

"Cody"

GASTONIA, N. C.

*"Neither a borrower nor a lender be."*

# GRADUATES

EUGENE F. BRYANT

"Gene"

PAW CREEK, N. C.

Contact Staff, Veterans' Club.

"Custom hath made it in him a property of easiness."



DAHAL E. BUMGARDNER

"Bummy"

BELMONT, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club.

"Give it an understanding, but no tongue."



HAROLD H. CAUBLE

"Peanut"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... there are more things in heaven and earth . . ."



HERBERT J. CLARK

"Herb"

DARLINGTON, S. C.

"... you'll not o'errule me to a peace . . ."



FREDRICK A. CLONINGER

"Fred"

STANLEY, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice."

JOSEPH H. COFFEY

"Joe"

GASTONIA, N. C.

"... contagious blastments are most imminent . . ."



LLOYD F. COLEY

"Lloyd"

LOWELL, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... take each man's censure but reserve thy judgment."



O. VINCENT COLLINS

"Otis"

NORFOLK, VA.

Psi Club, Beta Alpha Sigma, St. John Berchmans' Society, St. Benedict's Society, Veterans' Club, Editor of SPIRE.

"... most humbly do I take my leave, my lord."

# COLLEGE



ROBERT I. CONNELL  
"Bob"

MT. HOLLY, N. C.  
Veterans' Club.

"... like a good child and a true gentleman . . ."

JOHN E. CROWLEY  
"Ensign Jack"  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Contact Staff, Secretary of Sophomore Class.  
"... be thou familiar but by no means vulgar . . ."

JAMES A. DAMIANI  
"Jim"  
RICHMOND, VA.  
Veterans' Club.

"... but to know a man well, were to know himself . . ."

FELIX H. DOVER  
"Felix"  
GASTONIA, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club.  
"... fain I would beguile the tedious day with sleep . . ."

MICHAEL B. ELLIS  
"Mike"  
SAVANNAH, GA.  
Glee Club, Pser Club, SPIRE Staff.  
"... let your own discretion be your tutor . . ."

EDWARD J. FAHEY  
"Ed"  
BROOKLYN, N. Y.  
Football, Monogram Club.  
"... more honour'd in the breach than the observance . . ."

ROBERT W. FERGUSON  
"Fergie"  
BELMONT, N. C.  
"... if your mind dislike anything, obey it . . ."

GIOVANNI FERRANTE DI RUFFANO  
"Vannie"  
ROME, ITALY  
Pser Club.  
"... to the manner born . . ."

# GRADUATES

JOSEPH D. FESLER  
"Joe"

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.

Veterans' Club.

"... he drains his draughts of Rhenish down."



RUDOLPH T. FRANKLIN  
"Rudy"

FAIRFIELD, CONN.

"... it weighs me forth again, I'll follow it . . ."

ROBERT F. GRISSOM, JR.  
"Speed"

LOWELL, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.

"... the observed of all the observers . . ."



JESUS B. GUERRERO  
"Jack"

AGAHA, GUAM

"... what art thou that thou usurp'st this night . . ."

RUFUS J. GUY  
"R. J."

PAW CREEK, N. C.

"... the glass of fashion and the mould of form . . ."



PAUL A. HARRELL  
"Hoppe"

NORFOLK, VA.

Psi Chi, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club, Baseball, Manager of Football Team.

"... he hath, my lord of late made many tenders of his affection to me . . ."



ROBERT C. HAYGOOD, JR.  
"Pinto"

GASTONIA, N. C.

Football, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.

"... remember well what I have said to you . . ."

NESBETH O. HOLLIS  
"Neb"

Mt. HOLLY, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club, Basketball.

"... o'erstep not the modesty of nature . . ."

# COLLEGE



DENNIS E. HOVIS

"Denny"

CRAMERTON, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... twixt eleven and twelve I'll visit you . . ."

WILLIAM G. HOWARD

"Bill"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Basketball, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.

"... I could a tale unfold whose lightest word would harrow up thy soul . . ."

CHARLES R. LADD

"Ray"

GASTONIA, N. C.

"... how now Horatio you tremble and look pale . . ."

WRISTON H. LOCKLAIR

"Wink"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Editor *Contact*, Veterans' Club, Treasurer of Sophomore Class, Pser Club.

"... it lifted up its head and did address itself to motion . . ."

ROBERT L. MADEIRA

"Burr Head"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... give me that man that is not passion's slave . . ."

MERTON L. MALINEY

"Larry"

GASTONIA, N. C.

Veterans' Culb.

"... sit down awhile; and let us once again assail your ears . . ."

OSCAR H. MCCLURE

"Spook"

GASTONIA, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... it is gone and will not answer . . ."

JAMES E. MCNAIR, JR.

"Mac"

GASTONIA, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... he waxes desperate with imagination . . ."

# GRADUATES

## HENRY McWHIRTER

"Cherry"

SHELBY, N. C.

"... look, where he goes, even now out at the portal . . ."

## JERRY W. MOODY

"Jerry"

COOLEEMEE, N. C.

President Sophomore Class, Veterans' Club, Pser Club.

"... 'tis but our fantasy, and will not let belief take hold of him . . ."

## PATRICK N. MOORE

"Pat the Nat"

NORFOLK, VA.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club.

"... what is it Ophelia, he hath said to you . . ."

## MATTHEW W. MULHERIN

"Mac"

AUGUSTA, GA.

Football, Basketball, Veterans' Club, Monogram Club.

"... I do not set my life at a pin's point . . ."

## JOHN M. NEILSON

"Johnny"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club.

"... the apparel oft proclaims the man . . ."

## JOSEPH A. NEILSON

"Jo Jo"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.

"... show me the steep and thorny path to heaven . . ."

## PATRICK J. NORTON

"Pappy"

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Football, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club, Member of February Graduating Class.

"... he was a man taken for all in all . . ."

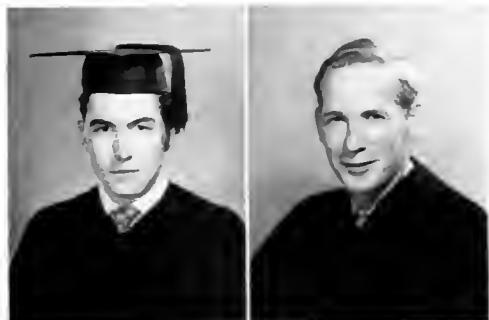
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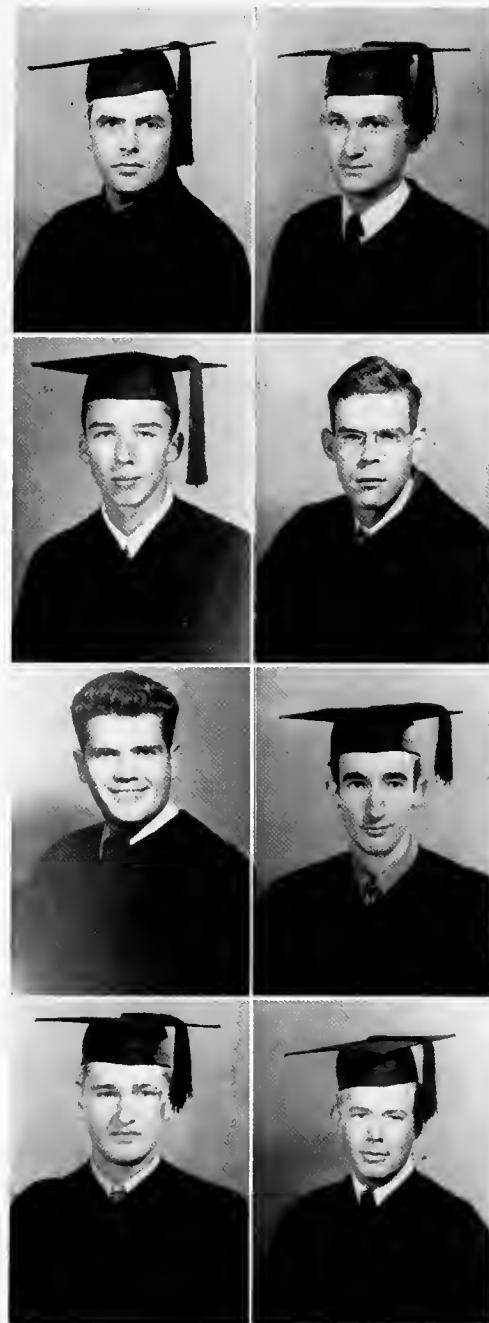
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... I must be idle . . ."



# COLLEGE



JOSEPH P. PARENTI, JR.

"Joe"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... thou hast been as one, in suffering all,  
suffers nothing . . ."

DAVID H. PAYNE, JR.

"John"

PAW CREEK, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... since my dear soul was mistress of her  
choice . . . her election hath seal'd thee for herself."

JOHN D. PRICE

"Jack"

STANLEY, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... one woe doth trail another's heel . . . so fast  
they follow . . ."

LONE T. PROCTOR

"Sad and Lonely"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Band.

"... I hold my duty as I hold my soul . . ."

WILLIAM A. RAYMOND

"Bill"

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Treasurer of Veterans' Club,  
Monogram Club, Pser Club.

"You are good as a chorus, my lord."

NEIL E. RICE

"Rice"

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Veterans' Club.

"... entreated him along with us to watch the  
minutes of the night . . ."

DONALD F. J. SCALES

"Don"

HICKORY, N. C.

Beta Alpha Sigma, St. Benedict's Society, St.  
John Berchmans' Society, President of Student  
Council, Pser Club.

"... give thy thoughts no tongue . . ."

KENNETH B. SCOGGINS

"Kenny"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... I had forgot; 'tis so concluded on . . ."

# GRADUATES

JOHN H. SCOTT

"Jack"

GASTONIA, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... costly thy habit . . . but not expressed in fancy . . ."



ROBERT P. SPRING

"Bob"

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.

Manager of Basketball Team, Pser Club, Veterans' Club.

"... Madam, I swear I use no art at all."



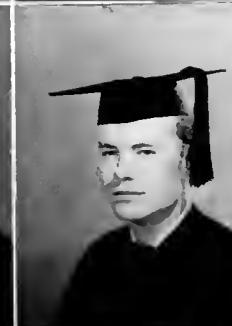
FRANK S. STRIFFLER, III

"Striff"

McKEESPORT, PA.

Vice-President Sophomore Class.

"... there is no ancient gentlemen but gardeners, ditchers, and grave diggers; they hold up Adam's profession . . ."



HERBERT R. SUTTLE

"Hub"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Football, Veterans' Club.

"... I'll wipe away all trivial fond records . . ."

MARTIN E. THOMAS

"Marty"

Mt. AIRY, N. C.

Baseball, Football, Monogram Club, Student Council, President Veterans' Club.

"... affection! Pooh! you speak like a green girl . . ."



JACOB O. THORPE

"Jake"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

"... I pray thee, do not mock me fellow student . . ."



WILLIAM P. VIRCILI

"Jelly Bean"

NORFOLK, VA.

Monogram Club, Pser Club, Veterans' Club, Football, Baseball, Basketball.

"... I fear'd he did but trifle . . ."



EUGENE T. WALLACE, JR.

"Gene"

GASTONIA, N. C.

"... 'tis in my memory lock'd, and you yourself shall keep the key of it . . ."

# COLLEGE GRADUATES



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"Bill"

BELMONT, N. C.

Football, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.  
*"Forward, not permanent, sweet, not lasting."*

CHARLES W. WETHINGTON  
"Reddy Kilowatt"

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

Contact Staff, Pser Club.

*"... a mote it is to trouble the mind's eye . . ."*

HARRY P. WOODARD, JR.  
"Pat"

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Football, Basketball, Monogram Club, Veterans' Club.

*"... we'll teach you to drink deep 'ere you depart . . ."*

JOHN J. WULZER, JR.  
"Johnny"

NORFOLK, VA.

Beta Alpha Sigma, St. Benedict's Society, St. John Berchmans' Society, Glee Club, Pser Club, Veterans' Club, Assistant Editor SPIRE.

*"... o, that this too, too solid flesh would melt . . ."*



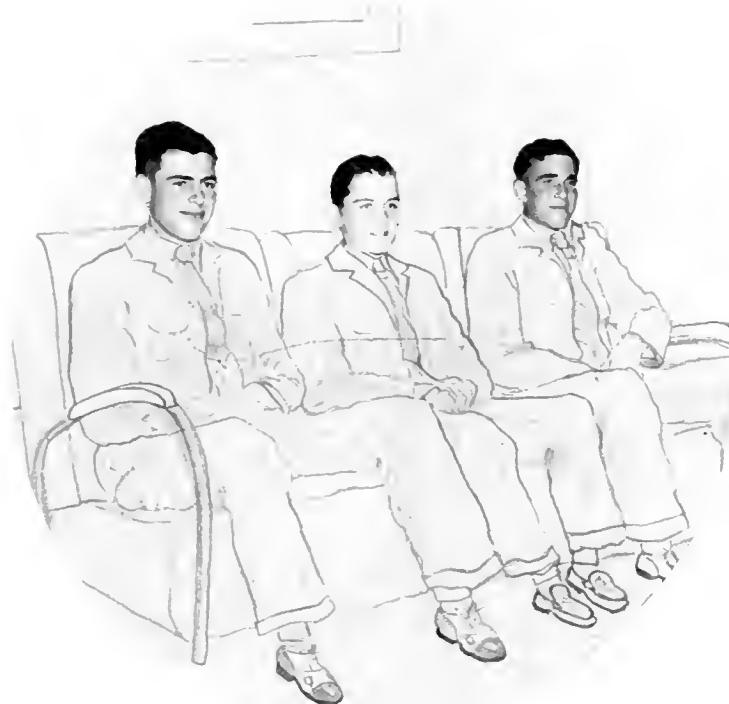
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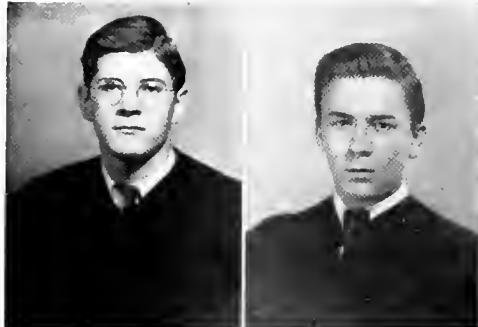
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## PREP GRADUATES



HARRY F. BAIN

"Harry"

CROZET, VA.

*"Hope humbly then; with trembling pinions soar."*

ROBERT R. BERTRAM

"Bert"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Vice-President Fourth Prep.

*"What would this man? Now upward will he soar."*



JAMES G. BROCK

"Jim"

SAVANNAH, GA.

Basketball.

*"His knowledge measured to his state and place."*

THOMAS J. CAMPBELL

"Scotchman"

DURHAM, N. C.

President Fourth Prep, Co-Captain Football Team, Basketball.

*"What can we reason, but from what we know . . ."*



ANTHONY CESORONI

"Tony"

APALACHICOLA, FLA.

*"All in exact proportion to the state."*

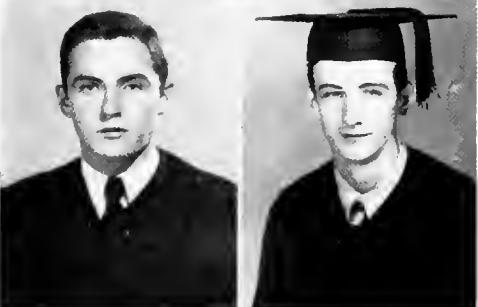
DALTON B. CLARDY

"Jeff"

DILLON, S. C.

Veterans' Club.

*"All are parts of one stupendous whole."*



THOMAS J. CROWLEY

"T. J."

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Captain Basketball Team, Co-Captain Football.

*"In pride, in reasoning pride, our error lies."*

JAMES F. GALLANT, JR.

"Jack"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

*"Then shall man's pride and dulness comprehend."*

# PREP GRADUATES

JEAN P. GANDOULF

"Frenchy"

PARIS, FRANCE

"For me kind nature wakes her genial power."

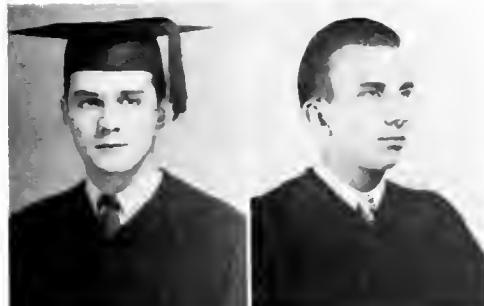
GEORGE GNANN

"Snooz"

W. PALM BEACH, FLA.

Football, Manager Basketball Team.

"The great directing mind of all ordains."



JOSE GRAELLS

"Pep Pe"

HAVANNA, CUBA

". . . men would be angels, angels would be Gods."



HUGH S. HENEBRY

"Hunchy"

ROANOKE, VA.

Football.

". . . in both, to reason right is to submit."



GEORGE E. KIRSTNER

"Shank"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Presumptuous man! the reason wouldest thou  
find . . ."

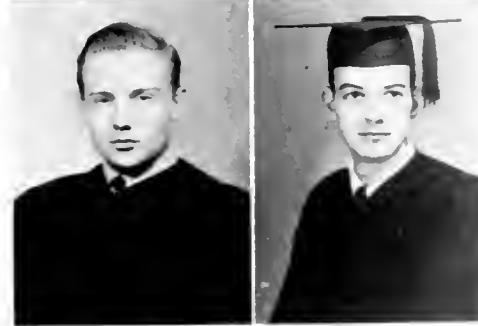
GEORGE M. McCLANCY

"Sorry"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Football, Basketball.

"Had he thy reason would he skip and play."



FRED C. MERGNER

"Big Fred"

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dramatics.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast . . ."

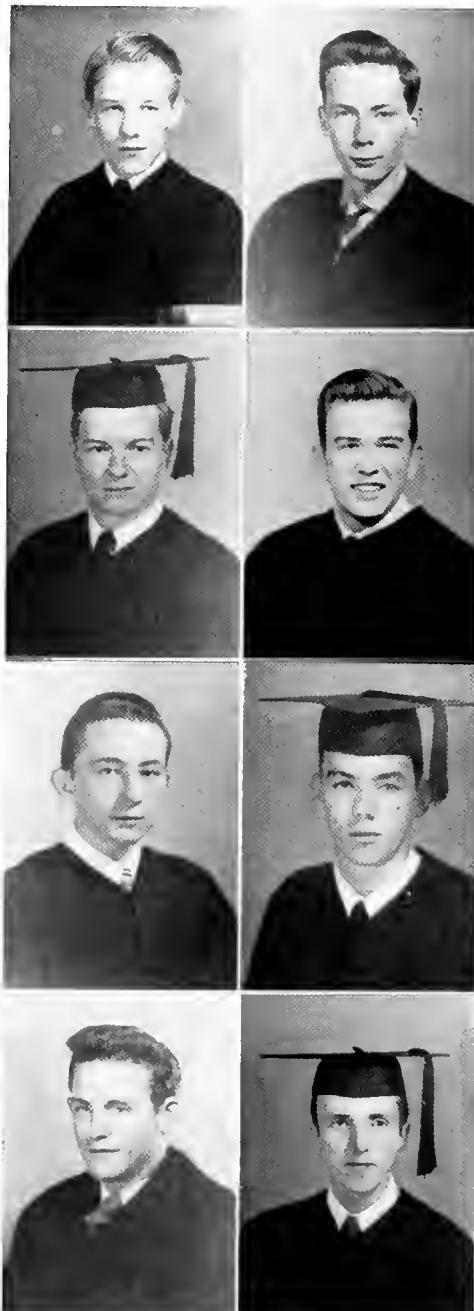
HENRY S. MULLEN

"The Brain"

GASTONIA, N. C.

" 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole."

## PREP GRADUATES



### GEORGE A. O'LEARY

"Anselm the Wonder."

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Dramatics, Rifle Club, Secretary Fourth Prep.

*"A thousand movements scarce one purpose gain."*

### STANLEY E. NOEL

"Stan"

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Treasurer Fourth Prep, Dramatics.

*"To him no high, no low, no great, no small."*

### CEPHAS T. PATCH

"Ceph"

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.

Veterans' Club.

*"As full, as perfect in a hair as heart."*

### WILLIAM J. PHARR

"Little Bill"

McADENVILLE, N. C.

Dramatics.

*"When the dull ox, why now he breaks the clod."*

### DONALD C. REINS

"Don Won"

N. WILKESBORO, N. C.

Manager Football, Dramatics.

*"Go wondrous creature; mount where science guides."*

### KENNETH W. SCOTT

"Undecided"

GASTONIA, N. C.

*"Twixt that, and reason, what a nice barrier."*

### EMILE E. SHAMIS

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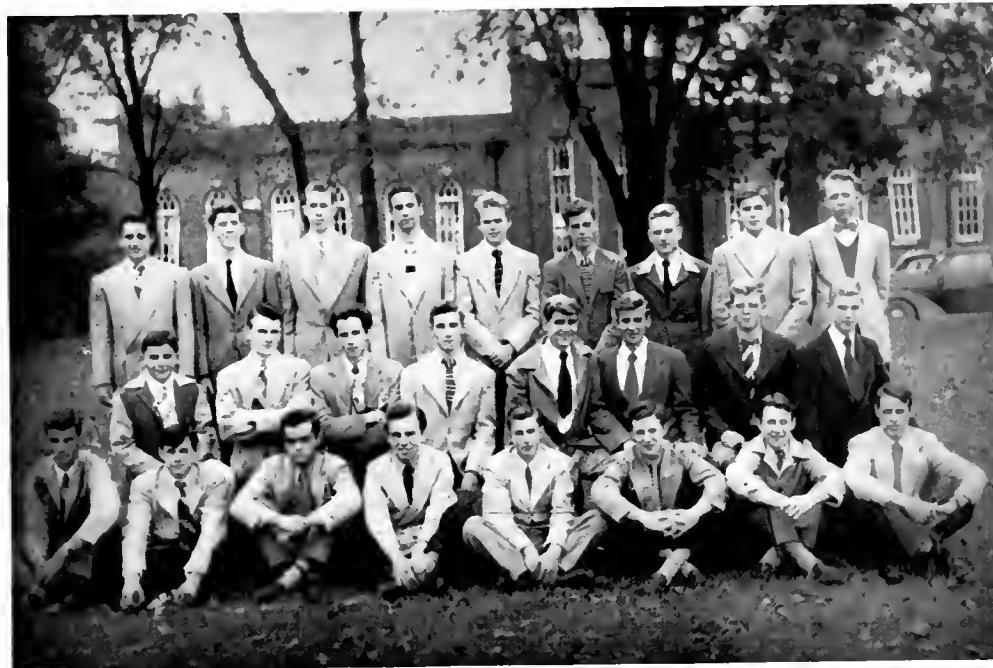
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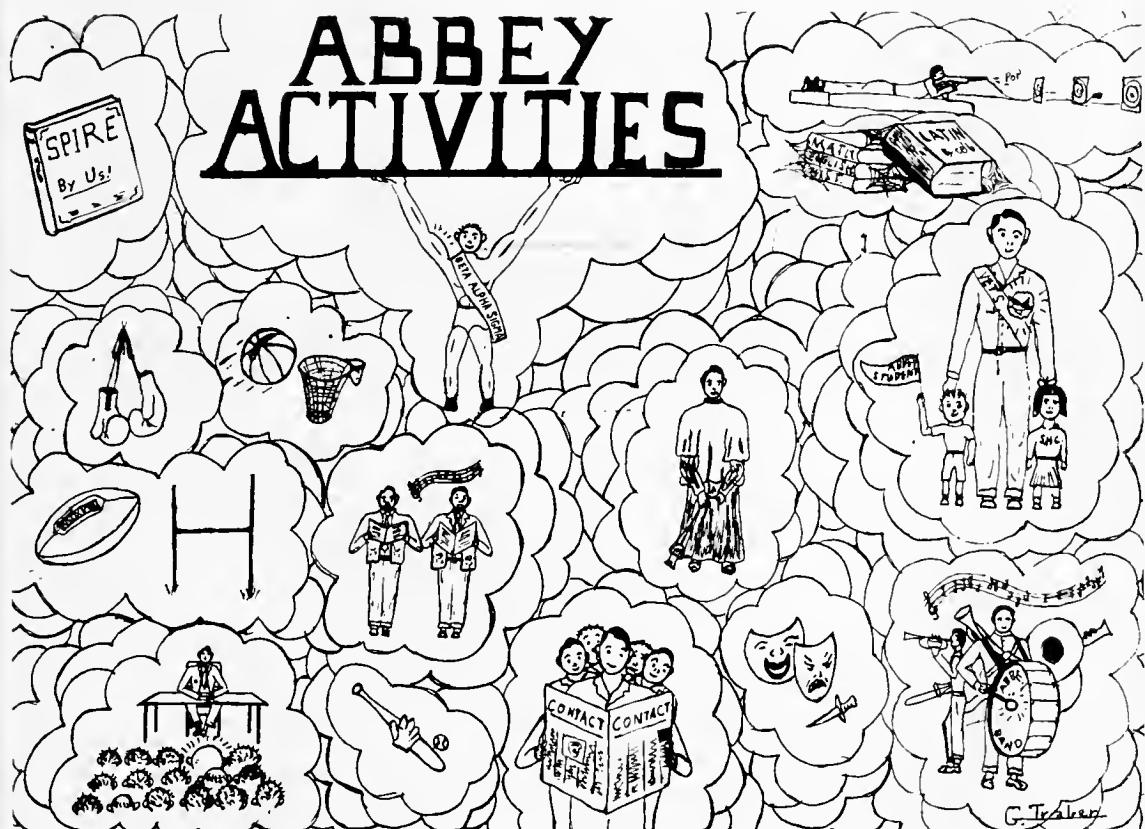
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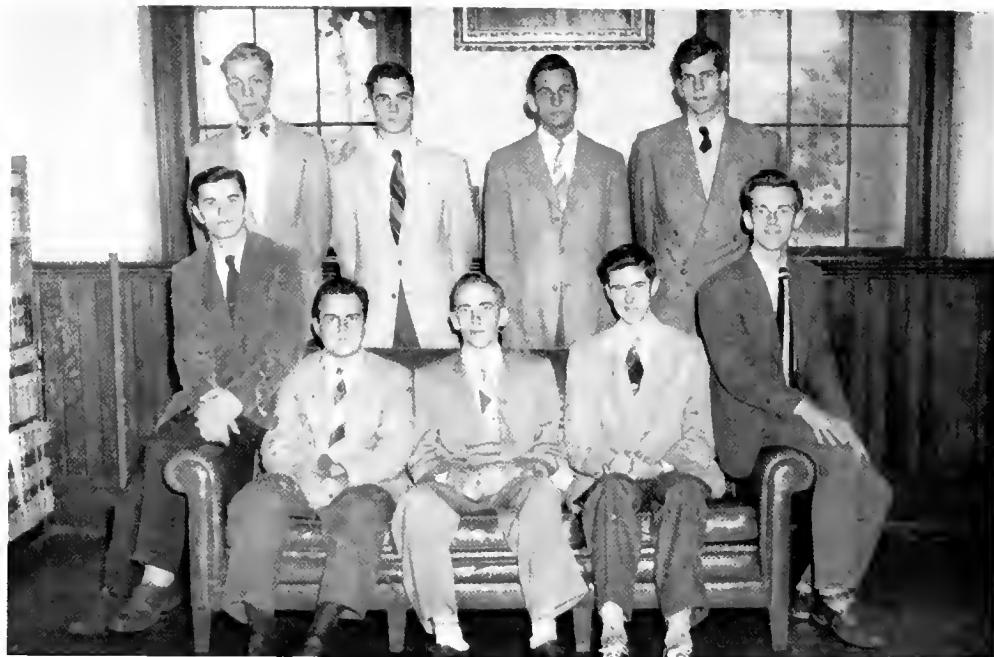
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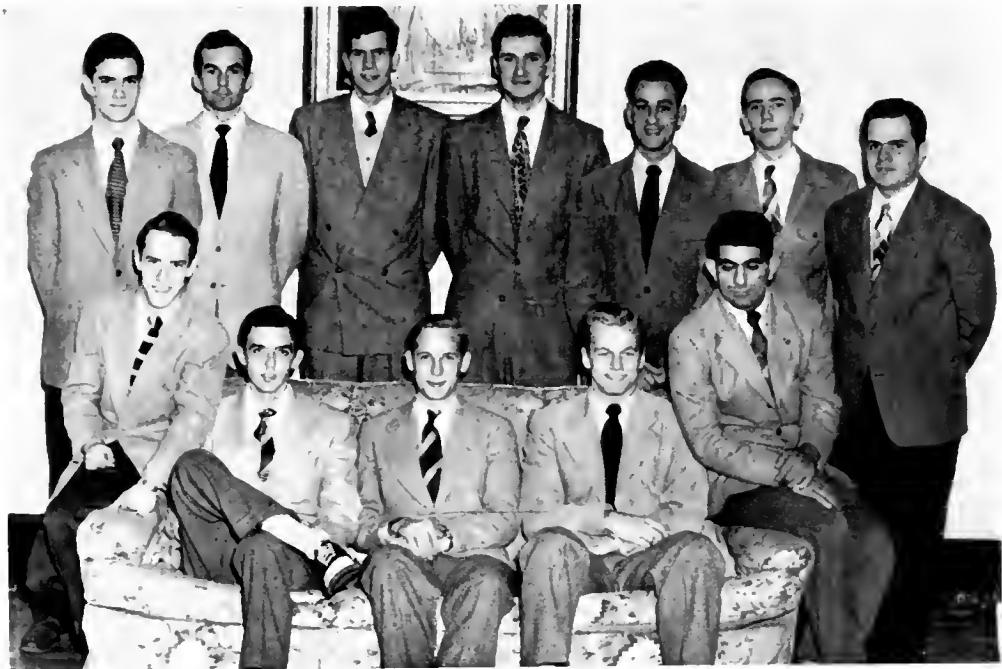
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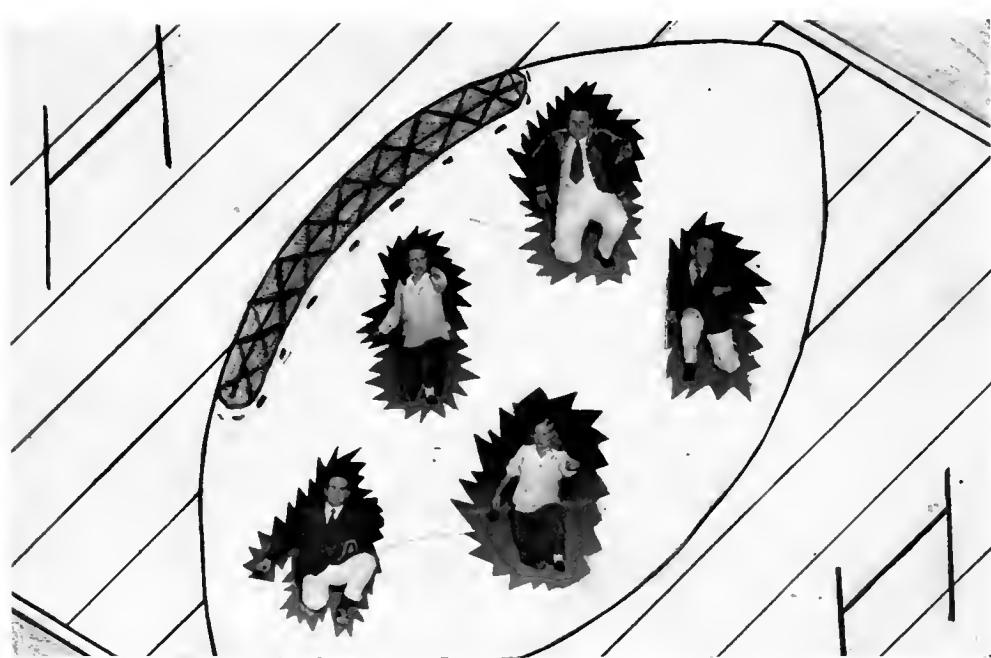
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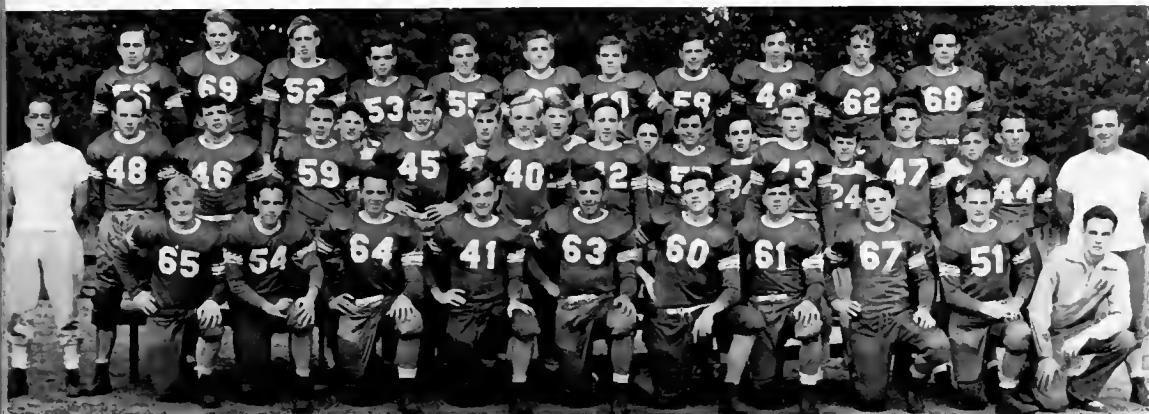
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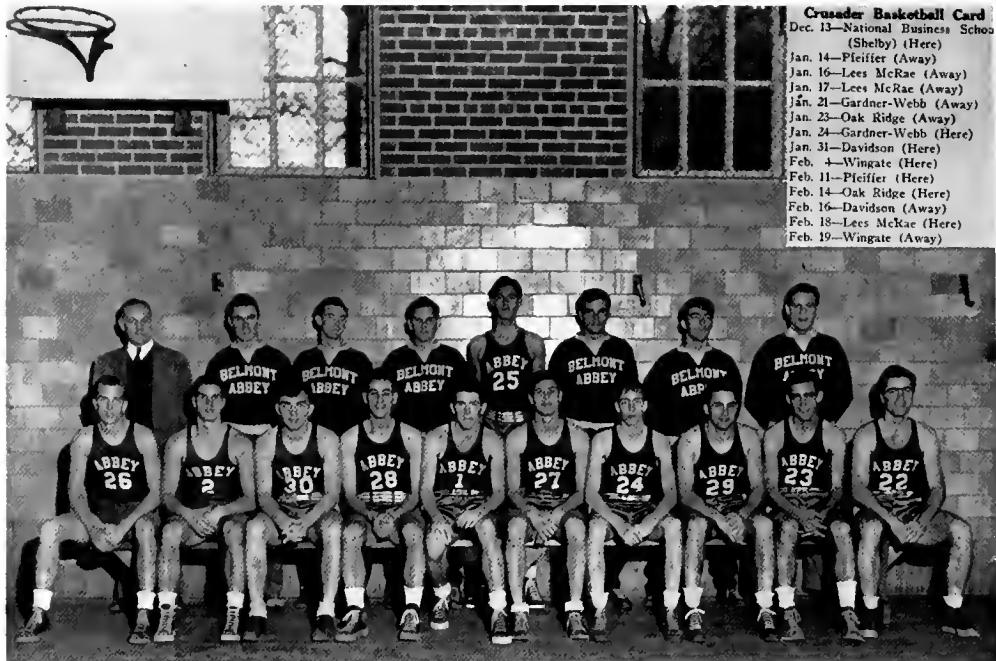
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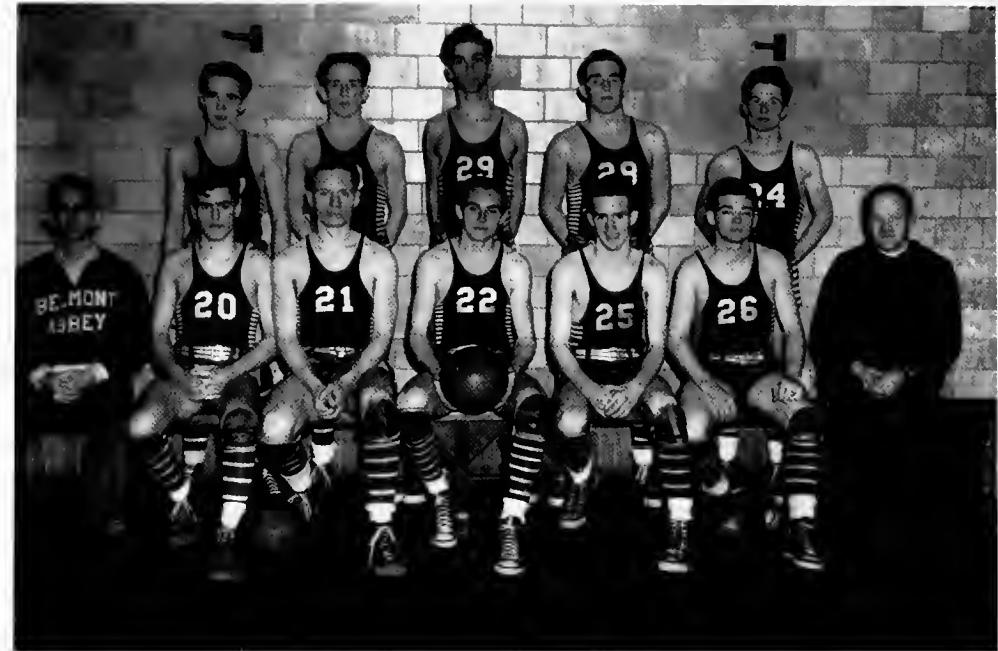
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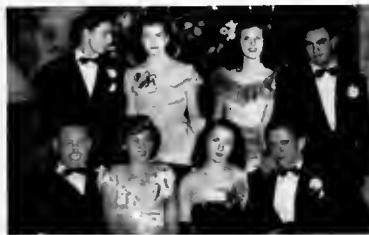


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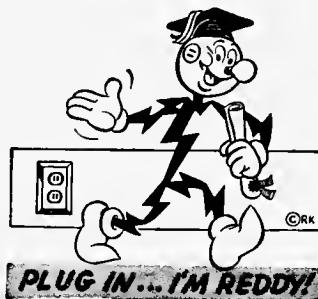
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